

OUR COMPLAINT BOOK.

[NOTE—Letters intended for this column must be accompanied by the writer's full name and address to insure attention. Complainers who are unwilling to comply with this rule simply waste their own time. Write only on one side of the paper.—ED. HERALD.]

WHO KNOWS?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
Will you be kind enough to inform many of the readers who the Board of Police don't send the report of the inspectors, who were employed at last election, to the Comptroller? MARY.

ONE NEIGHBORHOOD OF MANHATTAN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
Have citizens no rights that builders are bound respect? We are among the sufferers on 106th and Lexington avenues. It is almost impossible walk any way out of this block. They are built all around, and heap up lumber, sand and brick month past, to the great annoyance of people here to cross the avenue, and in many instances people have complained of their clothes being injured by mud. This great nuisance should be removed once. I would suggest that the company supply sufficient number of the same kind of pans near each lot as the depots or something similar to them.

A NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
I wish to call the attention of the Third Avenue "L" road officials to the filthy condition of the Third Avenue crossings at 128th street, in consequence the dirty water constantly running down from the track above. This has been the case for some months past, to the great annoyance of people here to cross the avenue, and in many instances people have complained of their clothes being injured by mud. This great nuisance should be removed once. I would suggest that the company supply sufficient number of the same kind of pans near each lot as the depots or something similar to them.

DANGEROUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
A terrible nuisance exists on the elevated roads, which the Board of Health should cause to abate, as it sends hundreds of old and young men their graves and engenders disease daily. I am to the practice of opening both doors of cars at before the stations are reached and keeping open after the train moves. Why not only open back door of every car, except the rear car if platform does not reach to the rear end of the cars, gusts of cold sweeping through the car by open both doors, chilling and giving us all colds, the runner of disease. DAILY TRAVELLER.

PURE MILK WANTED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
Some months since the subject of pure milk the best method of furnishing it to the consumers in this city was discussed by men well known to the community, as reported in the HERALD. I to ask what has become of this movement? I know the well known character of some of the gentlemen who seemed to be interested in the matter were reason to expect good results. Months have passed, and we are obliged to go to the farmers to get the milk venders, and thousands of mothers still suffer why. If the gentlemen referred to will continue since they left our city, let me hear of their encouragement. In my own circle of acquaintance many with myself plead for pure milk. A MOTHER.

SLOW TRANSIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
There seem to be all sorts of complaints about the elevated roads, but few, if any, about the delay they make; so let me have my say. At night, at hard day's work, a poor fellow don't know what can depend on between five and seven o'clock. Have been told that we were going to have a transit, but all the old residents of Harlem know that we are not much ahead of the old ways. After waiting for half an hour at the 177th Street station square at ten minutes to six P. M., and before half way across the bridge (Third Avenue) the platform doors closed, and we had to wait more than 10 minutes before the next car came. The car was late (left Hanover square) was making her last morning ago I came down on the street that left Harlem Bridge at a quarter-past eight and waited for half an hour before the next car came. Wherein are we blessed with the road? ———

STOP THE NOISE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
The constant recurring complaints against noise of the "L" roads induce me to offer through your valuable paper an indirect remedy. They will probably prevent its adoption as it has other devices, even should it prove practical. However, this being free from patent claims doubt will lessen the cost materially. I propose employ a channel of cast or wrought iron in which the wheels of the cars run. These channels may be placed two thicknesses of three-sixteenths of an inch lead; on these is placed a layer of half-inch felt that has been saturated in kerosene oil. This composition will absorb the noise of the wheels as the rails rest and are secured to the ties in the same manner, thereby intending to provide the roadway with a great deal more comfort for the riders than is supplied to surface roads by the earth. PETER SMITH.  
102 MANHATTAN AVENUE, Greenpoint, L. I.

CAN SUCH THINGS BE?

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
The Herald is always foremost in advocating suppression of wrongs and in the defence of the oppressed. Let me then call your attention to a gross offence that is constantly occurring in this city; I refer to the "diamond auctions" (so called) that are held from time to time. Auctions are advertised to be sold bankrupt stock, and are so worded and carried as to mislead the public and swindle many. The facts of the case are that these men, instead of selling the goods of the bankrupts, sell the goods of the property of one dealer, who attends the sale with his "cappers" and swindles the public. He carries out a great deal more of the same kind of business, and brings in any respectable establishment. Trouble is that these "mock" auctions are carried by regularly licensed and sufficiently reputable persons. One dangerous rival in the "diamond auction" swindle the Herald has in the past officially denounced. An investigation of facts will prove them to be as I have stated. G. H. T.

LEISURELY RECEIVERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
You would greatly oblige the many creditors of the defunct Eclectic Life Insurance Company, making public the fact of the intolerable delay in the winding up of that institution. This company was placed in a receiver's hands in September, 1901, and is now worth at \$100,000, and the debtors' liabilities are \$320,000. I cannot understand with this certain amount of assets and debts, fully ascertained and passed upon, creditors can receive their dividends even after a lapse of over four years and barrels at the rate of treatment of company's creditors. I understand that there has been some litigation regarding the mortgages companies the company's assets, but the foreclosure of such mortgages is long delayed. It is certainly disgraceful to American justice that a corporation need not be wound up and liquidated in six years' time, but that it may remain in existence until the litigation to clog the wheels of justice, as is the case with the Eclectic. Please publish this. It is possibly elicit a reply from Mr. Ruggles, the receiver of the company. J. B. ECKSTEIN.

HAID ON TRAVELERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD:—  
I am rejoiced to learn through your columns morning that there is a remedy for "evil customs of," and that an application to the "Bureau of Circumstances" will bring immediate relief. I am of about five thousand people that cross the Chambers street ferry daily, but I have never once had free use of the sidewalk on Chambers from the foot of West street to the foot of Broadway. Every day that carts are not backed up across sidewalk, and pedestrians are compelled to climb over houses and barrels at the risk of breaking limbs and tearing their clothes. In front of on two houses the sidewalk is obstructed by drays at night o'clock in the morning until six o'clock. There is a long line of drays standing on sidewalks such nuisances are tolerated. If there is no remedy let these business houses be compelled to remove their drays from the sidewalk. If the travel is limited, say from ten to three o'clock, it is not true that this "Bureau of Inconveniences" for a small "monthly consideration," grant to the "obstructionists." J. B. ECKSTEIN.  
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OUT WITH HIS OWN RAZOR.

Edward McCormack, a pedlar, residing at No. 1 Van Buren street, Brooklyn, on Wednesday last went into the barber shop of George Ross, No. 44 De Kalb avenue, and obtained a shave which he refused to pay. The proprietor, in attempting to effect him, was severely cut on the hand with a razor. McCormack was arrested.